

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Committee to the United States Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Environmental Protection Agency		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
National Advisory Committee to the United States Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation		1916	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/20/2018	06/20/2020	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
No	E.O. 12915		
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Presidential			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
E.O. 12915 and the recent cont. E.O. 13708	05/15/1994	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) produced two advice letters with numerous recommendations to EPA on a variety of North American environment and trade policy issues related to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The committee held one meeting in fiscal year 2018. All meetings include public comment sessions and presentations by high ranking officials in the United States Government, senior officials from the CEC Secretariat in Montreal, Canada, and the Chair of the trilateral Joint Public Advisory Committee. This blend of experts and high-ranking officials at meetings engages members in a rigorous dialogue from which to create their advice. During these face to face meetings, the NAC meets jointly with their sister committee, the Governmental Advisory Committee, on the first day and then separately on the second day to develop distinct advice letters commensurate with their sector groupings. In addition, the EPA's Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of International and Tribal Affairs met in person with representatives of the committees at the CEC 2018 Council Session in Oklahoma City. The main accomplishments of the Committee are summarized below: The committee's October 20, 2017 advice letter contains recommendations on how the Council can engage States, tribal nations and the private sector in North America to share their experiences advancing green growth, North American trade and environmental protection. The U.S. Government (USG) replied to the NAC with a letter on December 1, 2017 addressing their recommendations. First, it "thanked the committees for their comprehensive "suggestions for engaging states, tribal nations and private sector to share their experience and exemplary practices in advancing green growth, and North American trade and environmental protection. The USG also "appreciated the thorough analysis and list of exemplary initiatives considered and provided by the NAC... and the timely advice on Youth Innovation Challenge (YIC) of the CEC. The committee's June 4, 2018 advice letter contains recommendations on one major topic: the challenge of marine litter and the best management practices being employed by government, industry to address it. The U.S. Government (USG) replied to the NAC with a letter on August 22, 2018 addressing their recommendations. First, it appreciated the NAC's comprehensive advice... which provided robust and very relevant recommendations in that informed the U.S. approach to the design of current trilateral CEC project Building Community Solutions to Marine Litter.

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20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

As called for in its authorizations, the NAC consists of representatives from environmental groups, business and industry, academia and other non-governmental organizations.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The NAC typically meets twice a year to discuss North American environmental issues. The Fall meeting is to discuss the CEC's Draft Operational Plan. The Spring meeting is to advise the EPA Administrator on deliverables for the annual summer Environmental Ministers meeting. In FY 2018, the NAC met once.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The NAC is authorized under Article 17 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation and the North American Free Trade Implementation Act, P.L. 103-182, and is directed by Executive Order 12915. The NAC is currently operating under the authority given in Executive Order 13811, dated September 29, 2017.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

No meetings were closed or partially closed during FY 2018.

21. Remarks

All members are Tier 1 (parent committee members). There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

Designated Federal Officer

Oscar Carrillo Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Antonioli, David	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, CEO, Verified Carbon Standard, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Carey, Andrew	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Executive Director, US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership, San Diego, CA	Representative Member
Chischilly, Ann Marie	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Institute for Tribal Env. Professionals, Northern AZ University, Flagstaff, AZ	Representative Member
Ghassemi, Abbas	08/02/2010	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Professor, Institute of Energy & Environment, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM	Representative Member
Green, Carolyn	10/22/2012	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Manager Partner, EnerGreen Capital Management, LLC, Radnor, PA	Representative Member
Harris, Donald	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, President & Founder, Amerris Consulting, LLC, Royal Oak, MI	Representative Member

Hester, Tracy	10/22/2014	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Professor of Practice, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX	Representative Member
Hopper, Sara	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Manager, Federal Gov't Affairs, DuPont, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Kilungo, Aminata	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Director of Research, Sonora Env. Research Institute, Tucson, AZ	Representative Member
Klein, Mary	10/22/2012	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Member, Wildlife Habitat Council, Arlington, VA	Representative Member
Lybecker, Donna	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1 Professor, Department of Political Science, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho	Representative Member
McCartney, Justin	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Student, Georgetown University, Washington, DC	Representative Member
Pardo, Theresa	10/22/2014	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Director, Center for Technology in Gov't, State University of New York, Albany, NY	Representative Member
Perez, Carlos	10/22/2014	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Principal, Galica LLC, Rochester, NY	Representative Member
Sagovac, Simone	10/22/2016	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Project Director, Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition, Detroit, MI	Representative Member
Santiago, Ivonne	10/22/2012	10/22/2018	Tier 1, Professor, College of Engineering, University of TX at El Paso, El Paso, TX	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) supports the agency's mission of protecting human health and the environment. The work of the NAC supports the EPA Administrator in achieving the goals of safeguarding the natural environment--air, water, and land, via trilateral activities in the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The CEC is a trilateral institution created by the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC) and funded by the Governments of the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The NAC provides the EPA Administrator with policy perspectives from academia, industry and non-governmental representatives. Their advice is useful to the U.S. Government as it negotiates the cooperative Operational Plan with Canada and Mexico and prepare for the outcomes of the Environment Ministers annual Council Session. Each year the committee reviews and provides advice on two major CEC products. One is the Operational Plan and secondly is the CEC's Annual Council Session and other topics as directed by the EPA Administrator. The Operational Plan sets tri-lateral priorities for environmental management in North America, such as green growth; climate mitigation and adaptation, and sustainable communities and ecosystems. The Operational Plan undergoes tri-lateral review on a two-year basis. The committee also plays an important role in helping define the priorities and outcomes of the annual meeting of the Environmental Ministers, known as the Council Session. In fiscal year 2018, the NAC completed two advice letters and five recommendations to EPA on a variety of North American environment and trade policy issues related to the CEC. The committee met once in fiscal year 2018. In addition, the EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of International and Tribal Affairs met in person with representatives of the

committee at the 2018 CEC Council Session in Oklahoma City. The main accomplishments of the Committee are summarized below: The committee's October 20, 2017 advice letter contains recommendations on how the Council can engage States, tribal nations and the private sector in North America to share their experiences advancing green growth, North American trade and environmental protection. The U.S. Government (USG) replied to the NAC with a letter on December 1, 2017 addressing their recommendations. First, it "thanked the committees for their comprehensive "suggestions for engaging states, tribal nations and private sector to share their experience and exemplary practices in advancing green growth, and North American trade and environmental protection. The USG also "appreciated the thorough analysis and list of exemplary initiatives considered and provided by the NAC... and the timely advice on Youth Innovation Challenge (YIC) of the CEC. The committee's June 4, 2018 advice letter contains recommendations on one major topic: the challenge of marine litter and the best management practices being employed by government, industry to address it. The U.S. Government (USG) replied to the NAC with a letter on August 22, 2018. addressing their recommendations. First, it appreciated the NAC's comprehensive advice... which provided robust and very relevant recommendations in that informed the U.S. approach to the design of current trilateral CEC project Building Community Solutions to Marine Litter. The USG also appreciated the NAC's recommendation for a portfolio approach Finally, the USG thank the committees for their valuable advice on CEC trilateral matters as well as additional advice provided on tribal perspectives in marine litter.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

225

Number of Recommendations Comments

There have been 225 recommendations since the inception of the NAC, including 14 new recommendations in FY 2018. 1) Advice 2017-4: Engaging Stakeholders 2) Advice 2017-5: Exemplary Projects & Best Practices for Council Session 3) Advice 2017-6: Green Growth 4) Advice 2017-7: Youth Innovation Challenge 5) Advice 2018-1: Marine Litter: A Portfolio Approach 6) Advice 2018-2: Marine Litter: Leveraging Existing Investments in Best Practices 7) Advice 2018-3: Marine Litter: Creating Best Practices in New Contexts 8) Advice 2018-4: Marine Litter: Address the Lack of Solid Waste Infrastructure 9) Advice 2018-5: Marine Litter: Present the CEC as a Best Model for International Cooperation 10) Advice 2018-6: Marine Litter: Increase Availability of and Access to Impact Data on litter policies 11) Advice 2018-7: Marine Litter: Identify Industrial Innovations 12) Advice 2018-8: Marine Litter: Target Best Practices in Prioritized Areas 13) Advice 2018-9: Marine Litter: Reinvigorate PSA's 14) Advice 2018-10: Marine Litter: Consider Revisions to Statutes to Control Litter

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

See description of accomplishments above. For more detailed information please see U.S. Government Response letters at committee website:

<https://www.epa.gov/faca/nac-gac>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

See description of accomplishments above. For more detailed information please see U.S. Government Response letters at NAC website: <https://www.epa.gov/faca/nac-gac>.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The committee's recommendations are always in the form of letters. The agency responds with a letter informing the NAC of the status of their advice i.e., whether they have implemented their recommendations or whether the EPA has decided on an alternative direction.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A